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TO MEGA MAN! FOR HIS SELF-LESS SERVICE TO MANKIND! MAY HIS DAYS OF FIGHTING FINALLY BE OVER!
TO MEGA MAN!
TO MEGA MAN!
TO MEGA MAN!
THANKS, EVERY-ONE!

THE RETURN OF DOCTOR WILY

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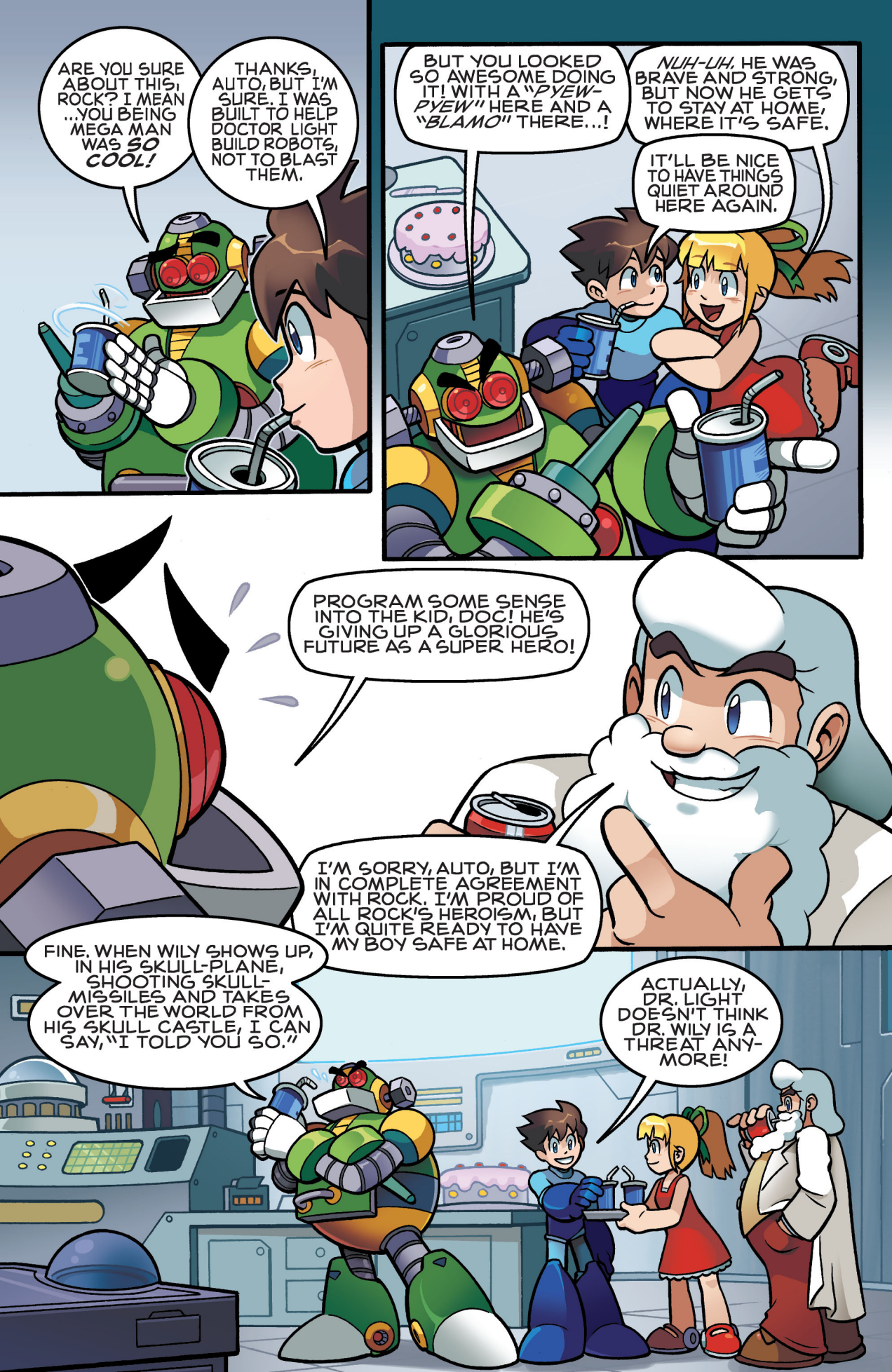
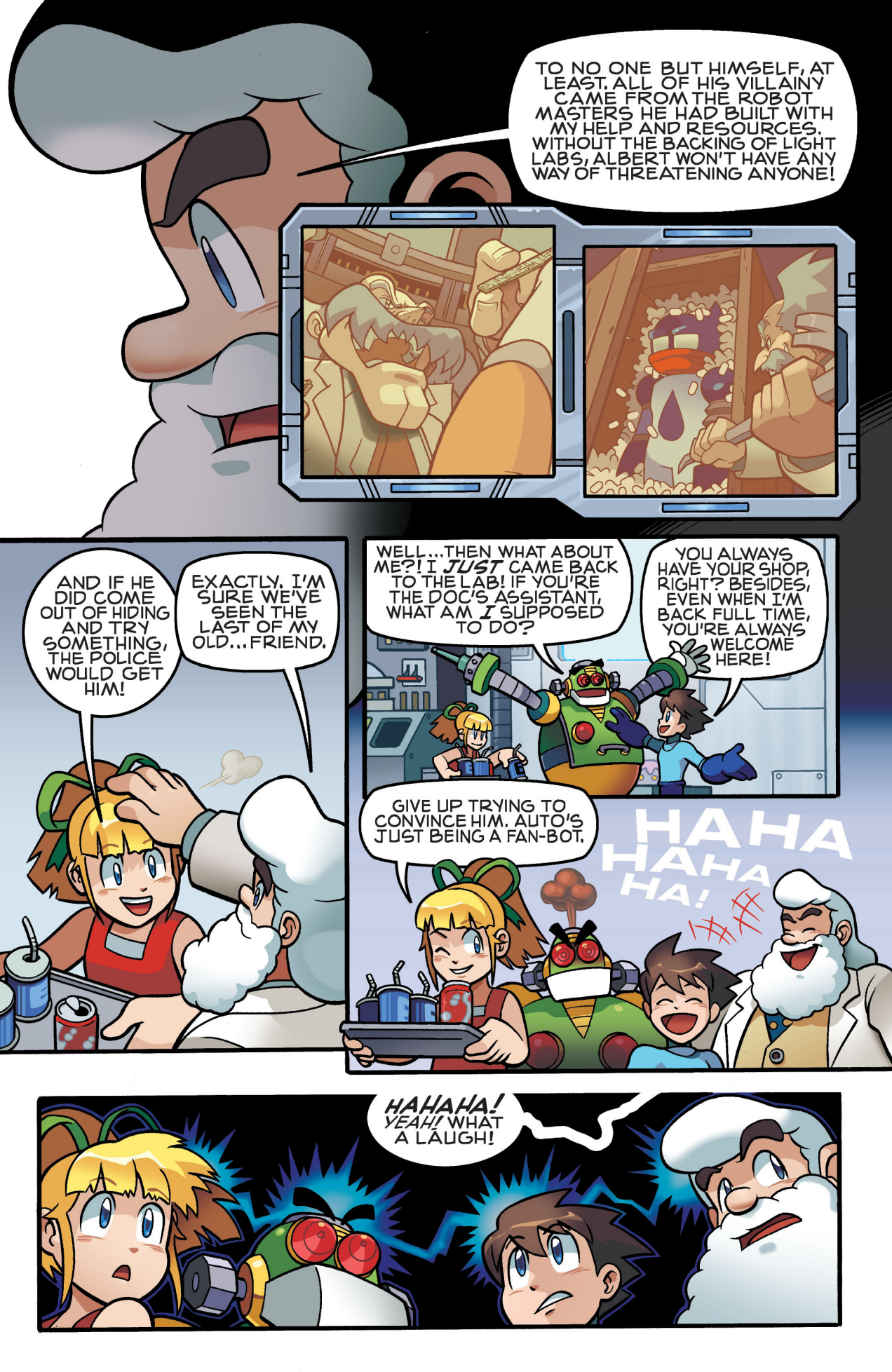
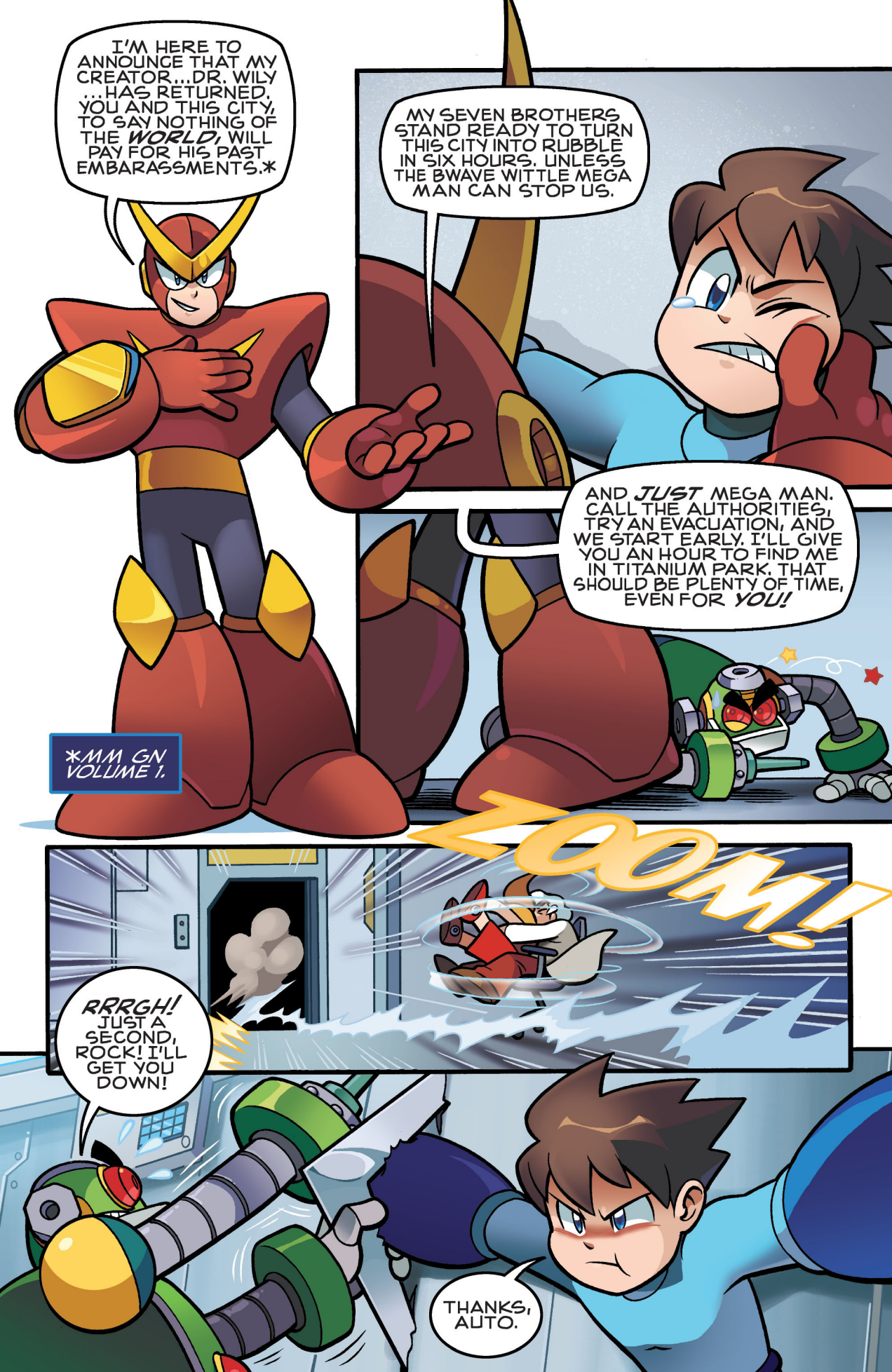
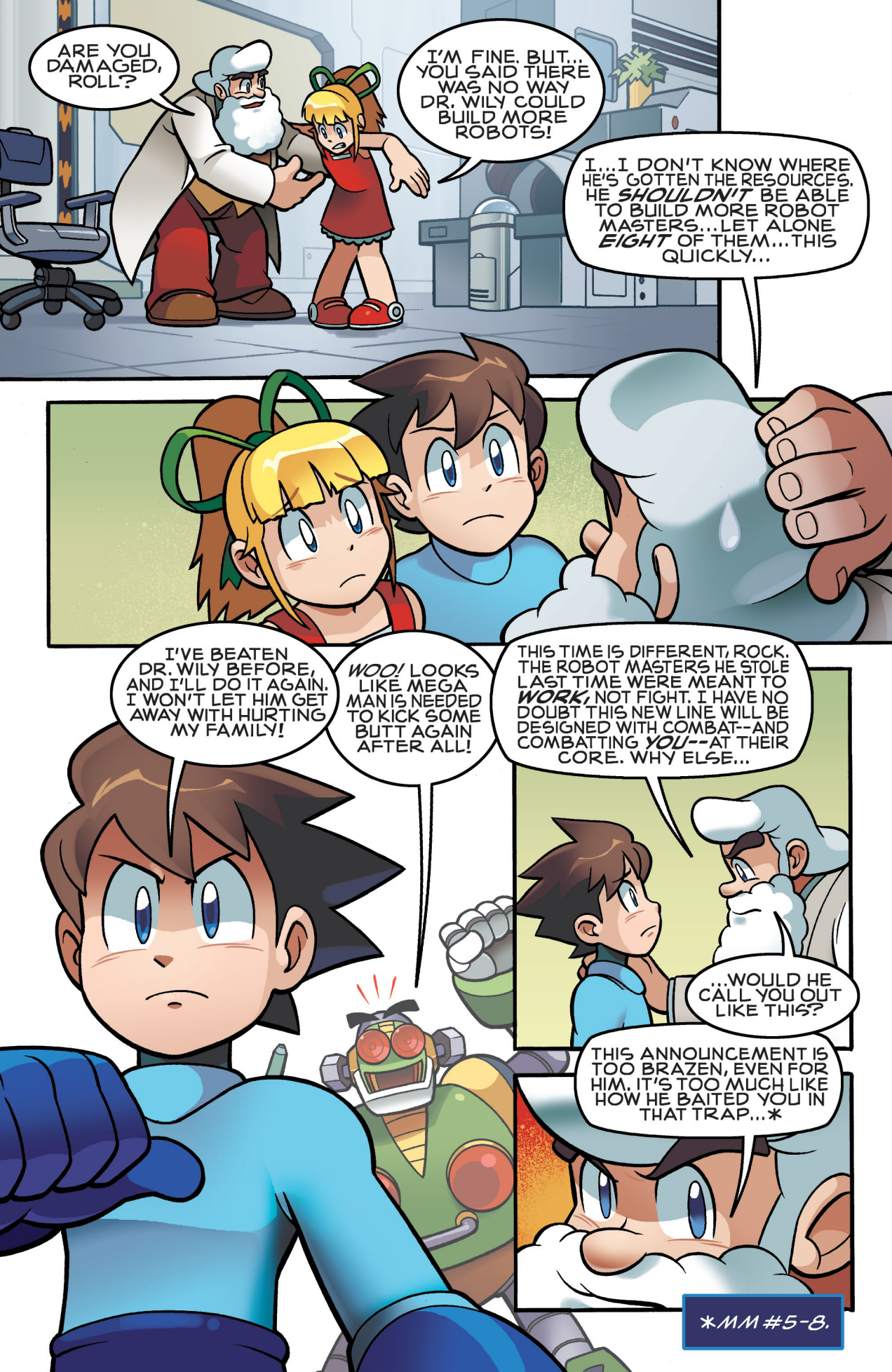

ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS, ROCK? I MEAN ...YOU BEING MEGA MAN WAS SO COOL!
THANKS, AUTO, BUT I'M SURE. I WAS BUILT TO HELP DOCTOR LIGHT BUILD ROBOTS, NOT TO BLAST THEM.
BUT YOU LOOKED SO AWESOME DOING IT! WITH A "PYEW-PYEW" HERE AND A "BLAMO" THERE...!
NUH-UH, HE WAS BRAVE AND STRONG, BUT NOW HE GETS TO STAY AT HOME, WHERE IT'S SAFE.
IT'LL BE NICE TO HAVE THINGS QUIET AROUND HERE AGAIN.
PROGRAM SOME SENSE INTO THE KID, DOC! HE'S GIVING UP A GLORIOUS FUTURE AS A SUPER HERO!
I'M SORRY, AUTO, BUT I'M IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH ROCK. I'M PROUD OF ALL ROCK'S HEROISM, BUT I'M QUITE READY TO HAVE MY BOY SAFE AT HOME.
FINE. WHEN WILY SHOWS UP, IN HIS SKULL-PLANE, SHOOTING SKULL-MISSILES AND TAKES OVER THE WORLD FROM HIS SKULL CASTLE, I CAN SAY, "I TOLD YOU SO."
ACTUALLY, DR. LIGHT DOESN'T THINK DR. WILY IS A THREAT ANY-MORE!

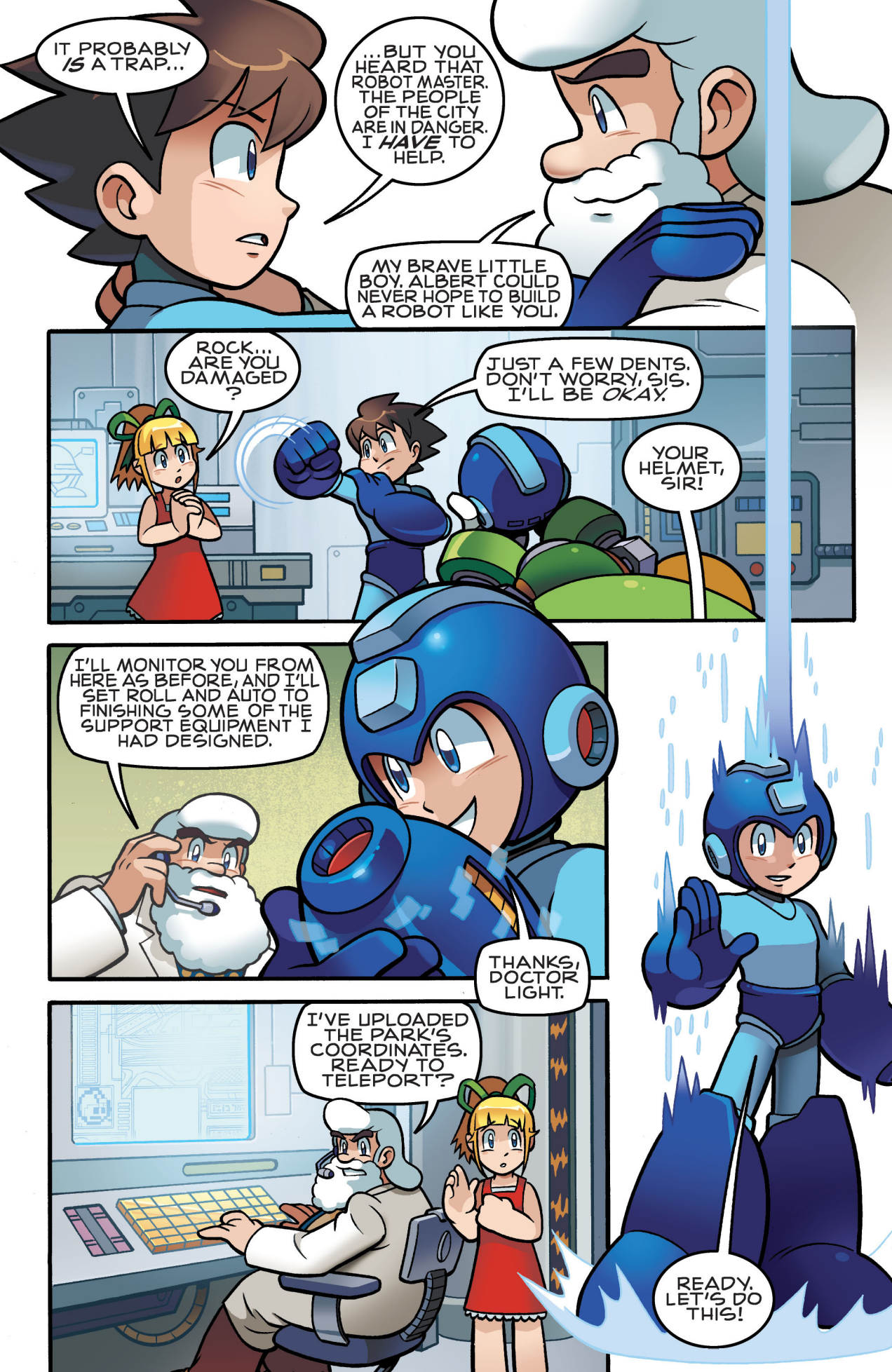

TO NO ONE BUT HIMSELF, AT LEAST. ALL OF HIS VILLAINY CAME FROM THE ROBOT MASTERS HE HAD BUILT WITH MY HELP AND RESOURCES. WITHOUT THE BACKING OF LIGHT LABS, ALBERT WON'T HAVE ANY WAY OF THREATENING ANYONE!
AND IF HE DID COME OUT OF HIDING AND TRY SOMETHING, THE POLICE WOULD GET HIM!
EXACTLY. I'M SURE WE'VE SEEN THE LAST OF MY OLD... FRIEND.
WELL...THEN WHAT ABOUT ME?! I JUST CAME BACK TO THE LAB! IF YOU'RE THE DOC'S ASSISTANT, WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?
YOU ALWAYS HAVE YOUR SHOP, RIGHT? BESIDES, EVEN WHEN I'M BACK FULL TIME, YOU'RE ALWAYS WELCOME HERE!
GIVE UP TRYING TO CONVINCE HIM. AUTO'S JUST BEING A FAN-BOT.
HAHA HAHA HA!
HAHAHA! YEAH! WHAT A LAUGH!

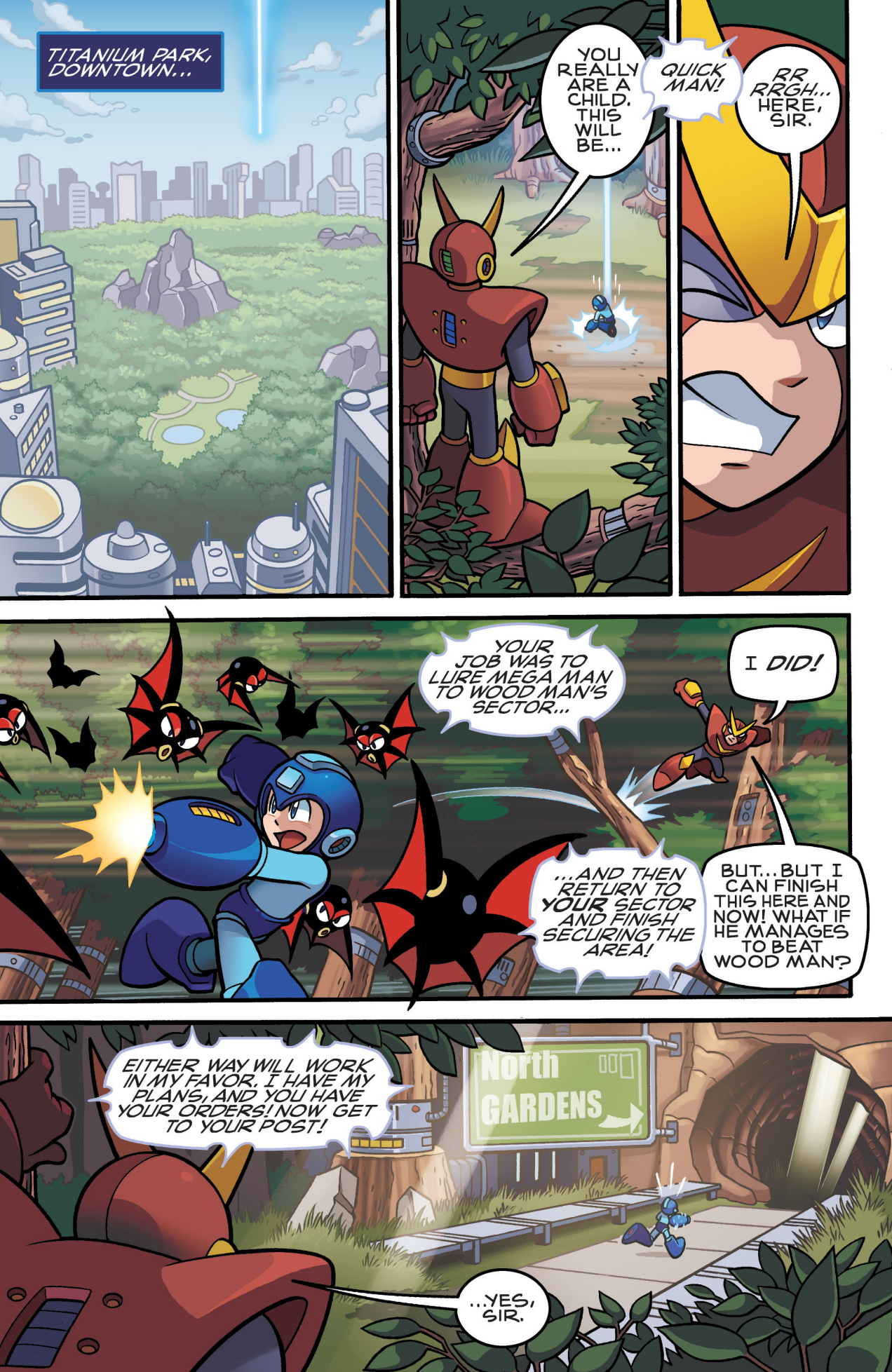
TO THINK YOU COULD STOP DR. WILY AT ALL ...!
HEY! YOU--

--CAN'T DO--
--THAT TO--
--MEGA MANKTCH!
QUIET.
NOW THAT I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION...


I'M HERE TO ANNOUNCE THAT MY CREATOR...DR. WILY ...HAS RETURNED. YOU AND THIS CITY, TO SAY NOTHING OF THE WORLD, WILL PAY FOR HIS PAST EMBARASSMENTS.*
MY SEVEN BROTHERS STAND READY TO TURN THIS CITY INTO RUBBLE IN SIX HOURS. UNLESS THE BWAVE WITTLE MEGA MAN CAN STOP US.
AND JUST MEGA MAN. CALL THE AUTHORITIES, TRY AN EVACUATION, AND WE START EARLY. I'LL GIVE YOU AN HOUR TO FIND ME IN TITANIUM PARK. THAT SHOULD BE PLENTY OF TIME, EVEN FOR YOU!
*MM GN VOLUME 1.
ZOOM!
RRRGH! JUST A SECOND, ROCK! I'LL GET YOU DOWN!
THANKS, AUTO.


ARE YOU DAMAGED, ROLL?
I'M FINE. BUT... YOU SAID THERE WAS NO WAY DR. WILY COULD BUILD MORE ROBOTS!
I...I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE'S GOTTEN THE RESOURCES. HE SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO BUILD MORE ROBOT MASTERS...LET ALONE EIGHT OF THEM...THIS QUICKLY...
I'VE BEATEN DR. WILY BEFORE, AND I'LL DO IT AGAIN. I WON'T LET HIM GET AWAY WITH HURTING MY FAMILY!
WOO! LOOKS LIKE MEGA MAN IS NEEDED TO KICK SOME BUTT AGAIN AFTER ALL!
THIS TIME IS DIFFERENT, ROCK. THE ROBOT MASTERS HE STOLE LAST TIME WERE MEANT TO WORK, NOT FIGHT. I HAVE NO DOUBT THIS NEW LINE WILL BE DESIGNED WITH COMBAT--AND COMBATTING YOU--AT THEIR CORE. WHY ELSE...
...WOULD HE CALL YOU OUT LIKE THIS?
THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS TOO BRAZEN, EVEN FOR HIM. IT'S TOO MUCH LIKE HOW HE BAITED YOU IN THAT TRAP...*
*MM #5-8.

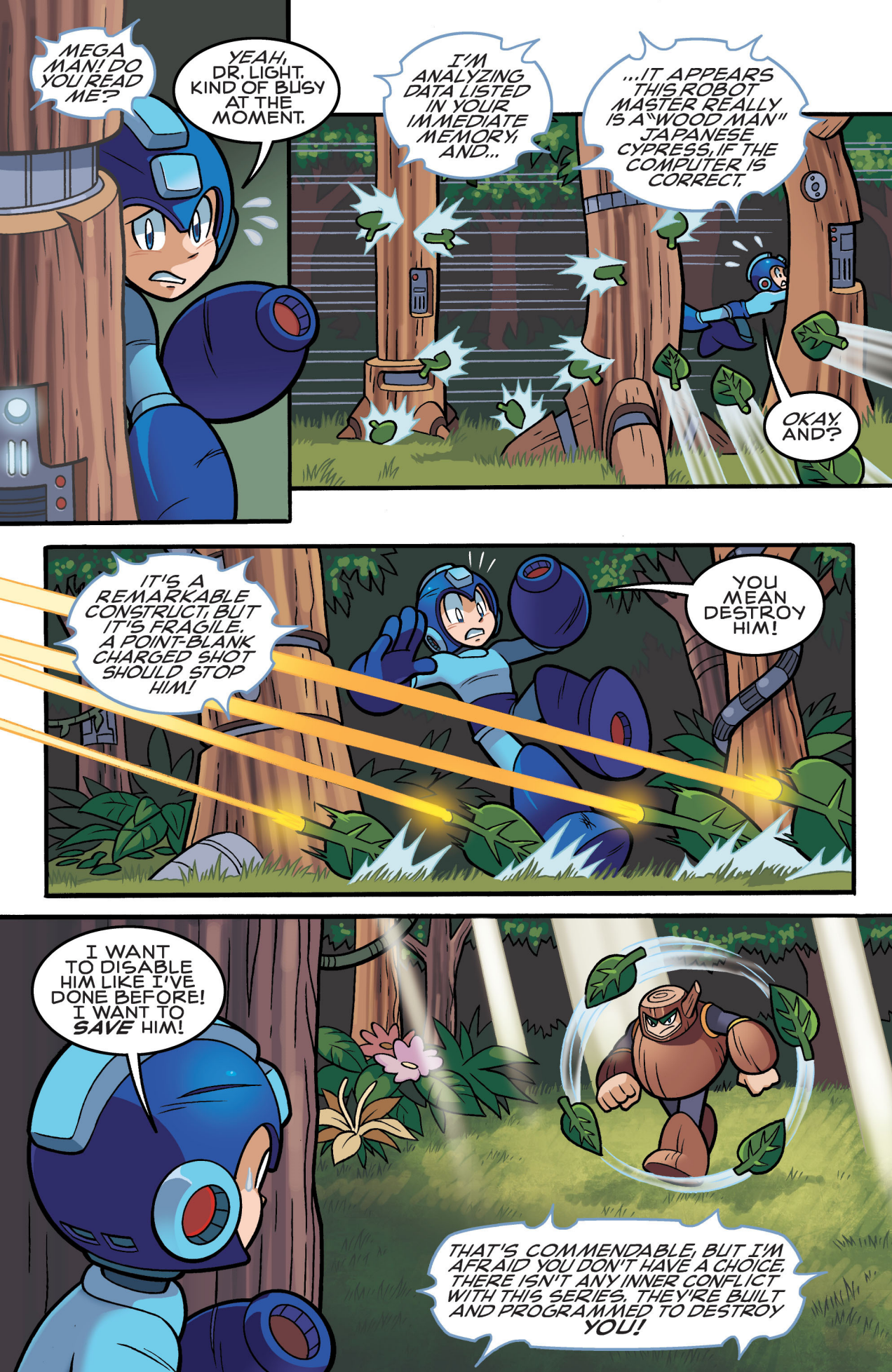

IT PROBABLY IS A TRAP...
...BUT YOU HEARD THAT ROBOT MASTER. THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY ARE IN DANGER. I HAVE TO HELP.
MY BRAVE LITTLE BOY. ALBERT COULD NEVER HOPE TO BUILD A ROBOT LIKE YOU.
ROCK... ARE YOU DAMAGED?
JUST A FEW DENTS. DON'T WORRY, SIS. I'LL BE OKAY.
YOUR HELMET, SIR!
I'LL MONITOR YOU FROM HERE AS BEFORE, AND I'LL SET ROLL AND AUTO TO FINISHING SOME OF THE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT I HAD DESIGNED.
THANKS, DOCTOR LIGHT.
I'VE UPLOADED THE PARK'S COORDINATES. READY TO TELEPORT?
READY. LET'S DO THIS!


TITANIUM PARK, DOWNTOWN...
YOU REALLY ARE A CHILD. THIS WILL BE...
QUICK MAN!
RR RRGH... HERE, SIR.
YOUR JOB WAS TO LURE MEGA MAN TO WOOD MAN'S SECTOR...
I DID!
...AND THEN RETURN TO YOUR SECTOR AND FINISH SECURING THE AREA!
BUT...BUT I CAN FINISH THIS HERE AND NOW! WHAT IF HE MANAGES TO BEAT WOOD MAN?
EITHER WAY WILL WORK IN MY FAVOR. I HAVE MY PLANS, AND YOU HAVE YOUR ORDERS! NOW GET TO YOUR POST!
North GARDENS
...YES, SIR.

WAIT... YOU'RE NOT THE ROBOT MASTER WHO ATTACKED US...
PARK
NO, THAT WOULD'VE BEEN QUICK MAN. SOUNDS LIKE HE WAS TOO FAST AND GOT AHEAD OF HIMSELF --HEH. YOU'RE MEANT TO FIGHT--AND BE DESTROYED BY--ME.
WHAT?! WHY?!
BECAUSE THAT'S MY FUNCTION.
WAIT A MINUTE! WE DON'T HAVE TO FIGHT! DOCTOR LIGHT CAN RE-PROGRAM YOU, AND YOU CAN HAVE A NEW PURPOSE!
AND WHAT PURPOSE WOULD AN ALL-WOOD ROBOT HAVE? NO, I HAVE MY PURPOSE...

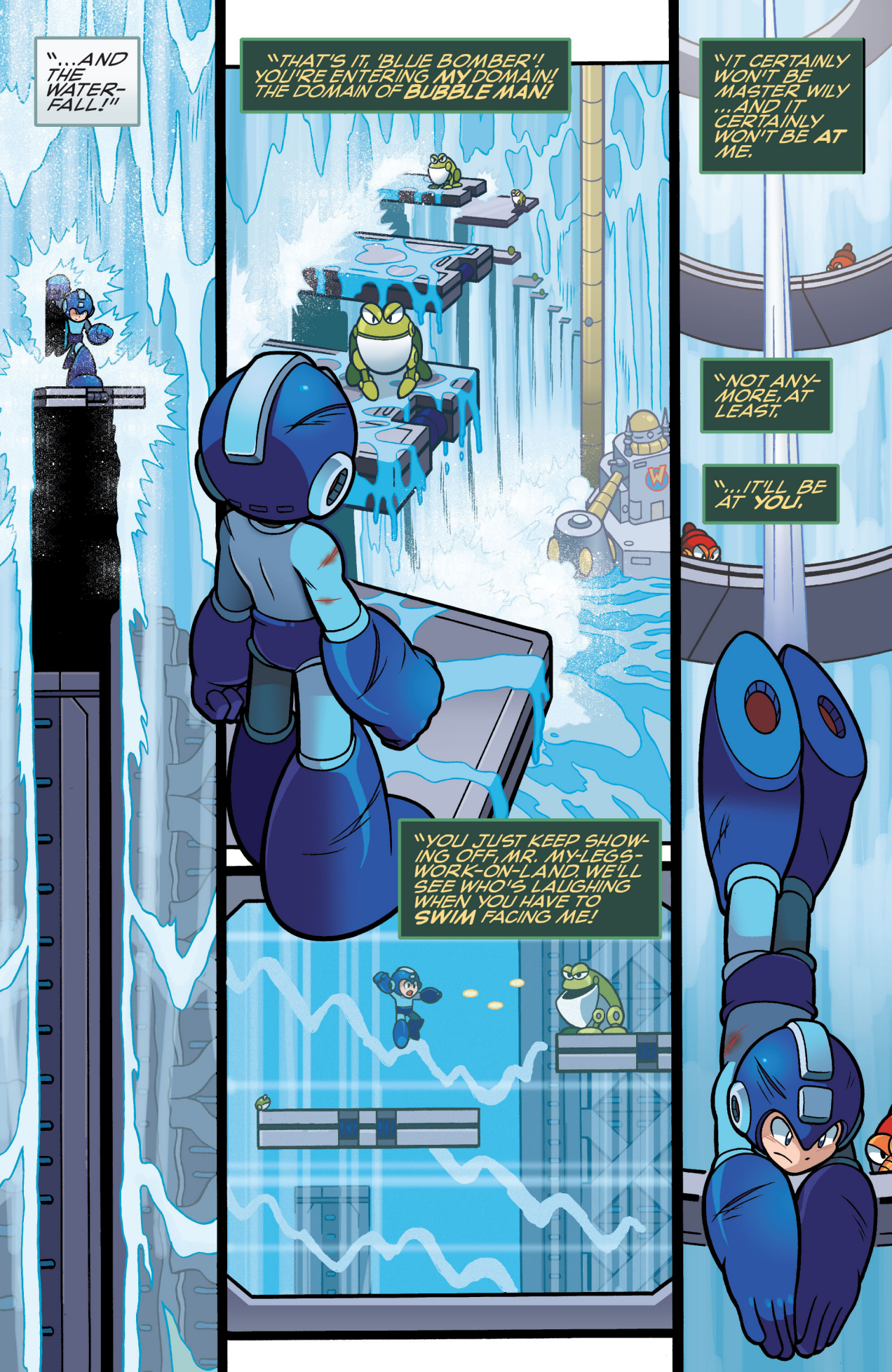
...AND I AM CONTENT WITH THAT. OUT OF THE WAY, MY FRIENDS.
I'M WARNING YOU, I'VE BEATEN A LOT OF ROBOT MASTERS ALREADY...
THEY WERE TOOLS AND EXPERIMENTS.
I--AM A WEAPON!
FINE! I WON'T LET YOU OR THE OTHERS HURT MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS AGAIN!

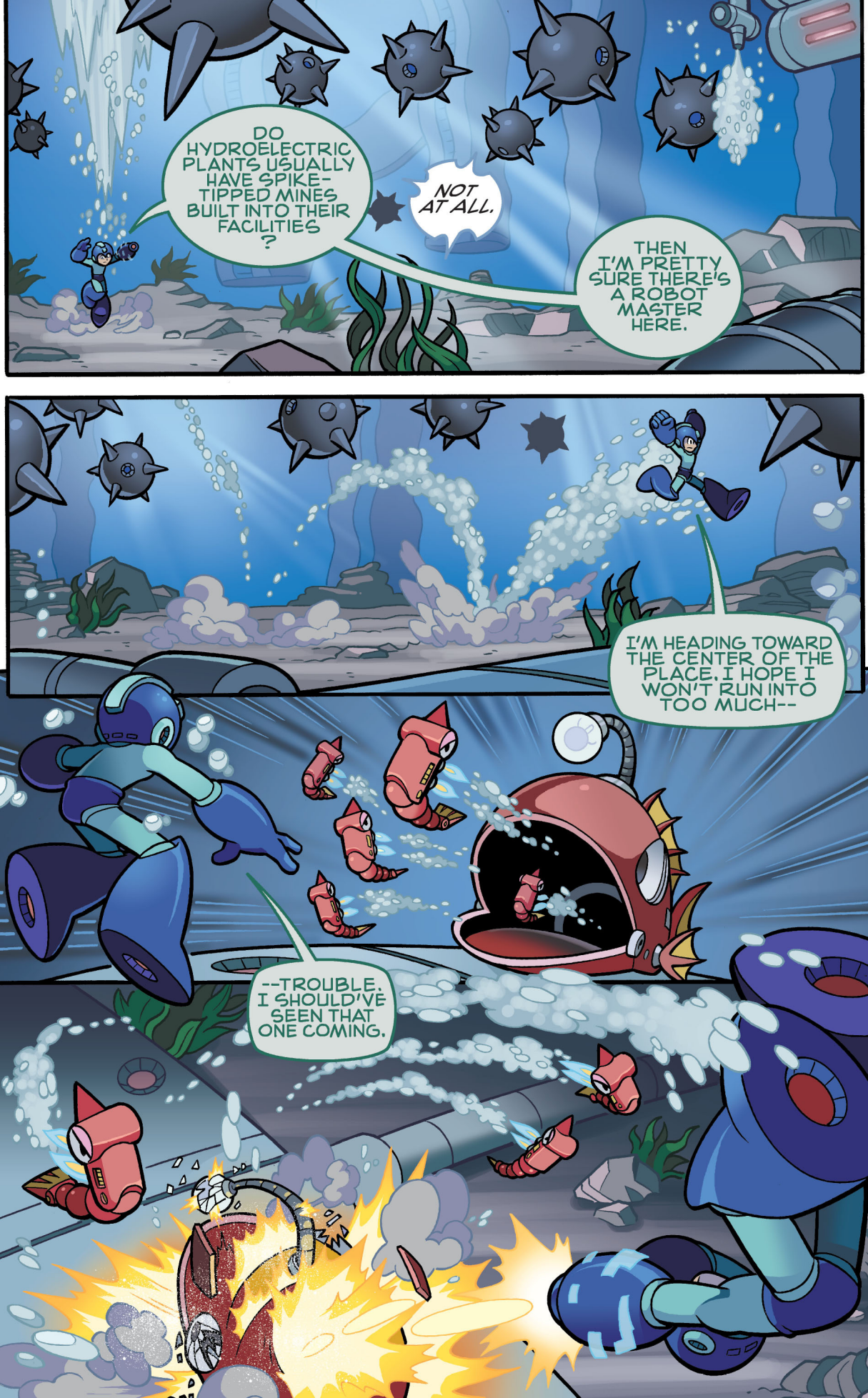
THIS IS THE BEST YOU CAN DO? DR. WILY HAD ME WORRIED FOR NOTHING.
OW!

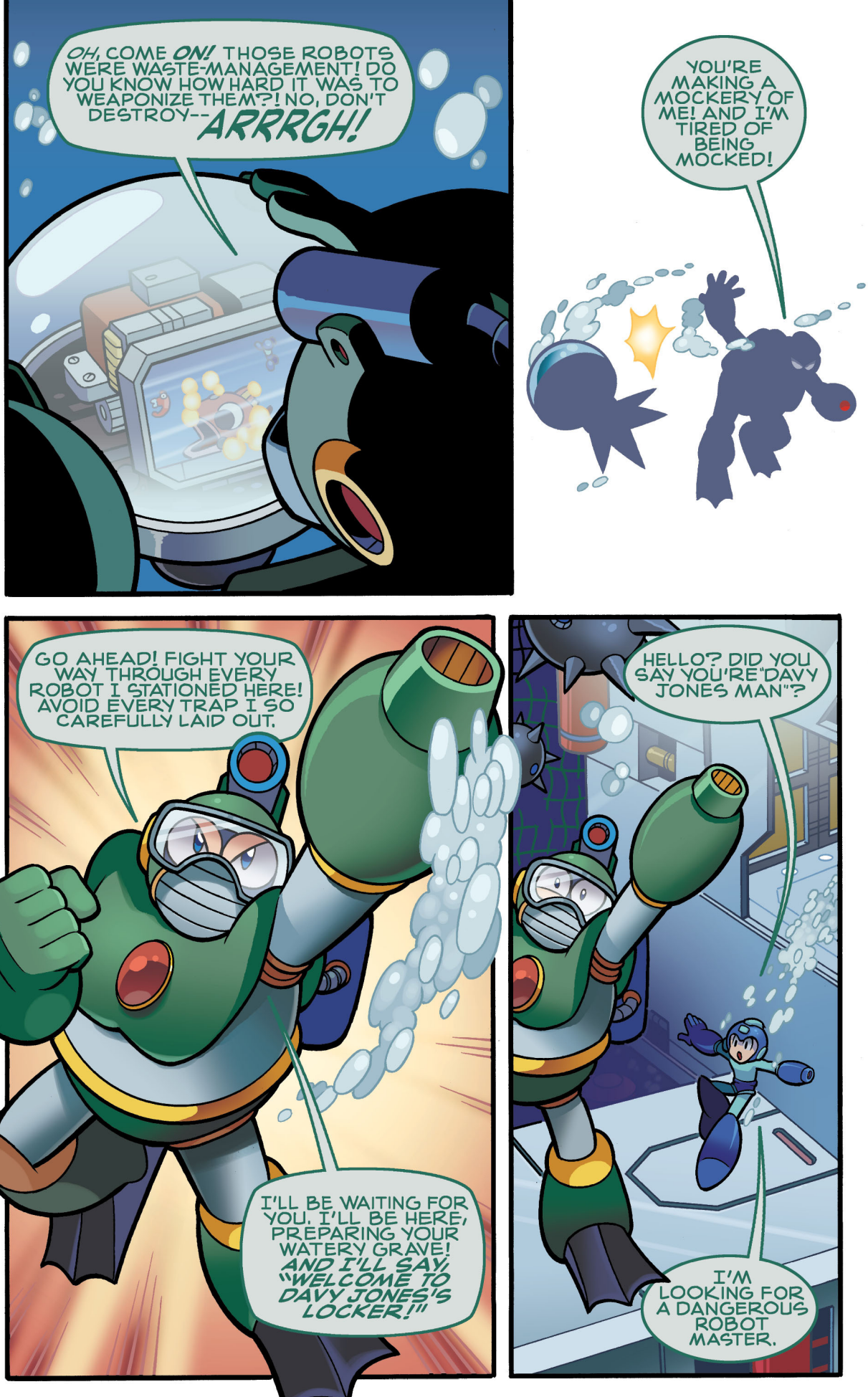

MEGA MAN! DO YOU READ ME?
YEAH, DR. LIGHT. KIND OF BUSY AT THE MOMENT.
I'M ANALYZING DATA LISTED IN YOUR IMMEDIATE MEMORY, AND...
...IT APPEARS THIS ROBOT MASTER REALLY IS A "WOOD MAN" JAPANESE CYPRESS, IF THE COMPUTER IS CORRECT.
OKAY. AND?
IT'S A REMARKABLE CONSTRUCT, BUT IT'S FRAGILE. A POINT-BLANK CHARGED SHOT SHOULD STOP HIM!
YOU MEAN DESTROY HIM!
I WANT TO DISABLE HIM LIKE I'VE DONE BEFORE! I WANT TO SAVE HIM!
THAT'S COMMENDABLE, BUT I'M AFRAID YOU DON'T HAVE A CHOICE. THERE ISN'T ANY INNER CONFLICT WITH THIS SERIES. THEY'RE BUILT AND PROGRAMMED TO DESTROY YOU!

WHY DO YOU MAKE ME DO THIS, WILY?... I'M SORRY, WOOD MAN.
BLAM!

IT'S ...IT'S... DONE...
ALL RIGHT. SEE WHAT YOU CAN COPY FROM WOOD MAN. IF THE REST OF THESE ROBOT MASTERS ARE AS HARDY, YOU'LL NEED EVERY WEAPON AT YOUR DISPOSAL.
R--RIGHT.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? THERE WAS A STRANGE ENERGY SPIKE JUST NOW.
YEAH... FINE. DOCTOR LIGHT...DO YOU THINK YOU COULD RE-BUILD HIM? AND THE OTHERS IF I...IF I HAVE TO...
I CAN'T MAKE ANY PROMISES, BUT I WILL TRY. RIGHT NOW, YOU NEED TO FOCUS ON STOPPING ALBERT'S AMBITIONS-- FOR HUMANS AND ROBOTS ALIKE.
I'M NOT SURE WHERE TO SEND YOU NEXT, THOUGH. THESE NEW ROBOT MASTERS ARE KEEPING A LOW PROFILE.
...AND THERE'S A WATERWAY THAT LEADS STRAIGHT TO THE HYDROELECTRIC PLANT. SHOULD I INVESTIGATE THERE?
WELL, THE FIRST ONE SAID THEY WERE IN POSITION TO DESTROY THE CITY. THE PARK IS A CENTRAL LOCATION...
THAT SOUNDS LIKE A LOGICAL TARGET. BE CAREFUL OF THE CURRENTS...


"...AND THE WATER-FALL!"
"THAT'S IT, 'BLUE BOMBER'! YOU'RE ENTERING MY DOMAIN! THE DOMAIN OF BUBBLE MAN!
"YOU JUST KEEP SHOW-ING OFF, MR. MY-LEGS-WORK-ON-LAND. WE'LL SEE WHO'S LAUGHING WHEN YOU HAVE TO SWIM FACING ME!
"IT CERTAINLY WON'T BE MASTER WILY ...AND IT CERTAINLY WON'T BE AT ME.
"NOT ANY-MORE, AT LEAST.
"...IT'LL BE AT YOU.


DO HYDROELECTRIC PLANTS USUALLY HAVE SPIKE-TIPPED MINES BUILT INTO THEIR FACILITIES?
NOT AT ALL.
THEN I'M PRETTY SURE THERE'S A ROBOT MASTER HERE.
I'M HEADING TOWARD THE CENTER OF THE PLACE. I HOPE I WON'T RUN INTO TOO MUCH--
--TROUBLE. I SHOULD'VE SEEN THAT ONE COMING.


OH, COME ON! THOSE ROBOTS WERE WASTE-MANAGEMENT! DO YOU KNOW HOW HARD IT WAS TO WEAPONIZE THEM?! NO, DON'T DESTROY-- ARRRGH!
YOU'RE MAKING A MOCKERY OF ME! AND I'M TIRED OF BEING MOCKED!
GO AHEAD! FIGHT YOUR WAY THROUGH EVERY ROBOT I STATIONED HERE! AVOID EVERY TRAP I SO CAREFULLY LAID OUT.
I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU. I'LL BE HERE, PREPARING YOUR WATERY GRAVE! AND I'LL SAY, "WELCOME TO DAVY JONES'S LOCKER!"
HELLO? DID YOU SAY YOU'RE "DAVY JONES MAN"?
I'M LOOKING FOR A DANGEROUS ROBOT MASTER.

OH, ARE YOU ?!
WELL, HOW'S A CONCENTRATED BUBBLE OF SULFURIC ACID?
DANGEROUS ENOUGH FOR YA?!
WHOA!
NOOO--!

I'M READING DANGEROUSLY CORROSIVE LEVELS OF SULFURIC ACID AROUND YOU. ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I'M OKAY! I CAN FEEL IT ON THE ARMOR, BUT I'LL BE OUT OF HERE IN JUST A SECOND.
I'LL SEE IF HE HAD WEAPON DATA TO COPY AND ...NRRGH!
ROCK? THAT'S THE SECOND TIME I'VE GOTTEN A VIRUS WARNING WHEN YOU USED YOUR COPY CHIP.
I'M FINE. ANY IDEA WHERE I SHOULD HEAD TO NEXT?
YOU'VE ALREADY ENDURED TWO FIGHTS, COME BACK TO THE LAB SO I CAN--
THERE'S BARELY FIVE HOURS UNTIL THE OTHERS ATTACK. I CAN'T STOP NOW.

YOU'RE STARTING TO SOUND LIKE YOU DID WHEN ALL THE POWER GOT TO YOUR HEAD.* COME HOME.
Dr. W
*MM GRAPHIC NOVEL VOLUME 1.
THIS IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT. WE KNOW WE'RE SHORT ON TIME, AND I'M NOT THAT DAMAGED. WHAT'S THE NEXT NEAREST IMPORTANT FACILITY?
WE CAN SEARCH FROM THE MAIN COMPUTER.
SIGH DOCTOR LIGHT...
I DON'T WANT YOU PUSHING YOURSELF TOO HARD!

HEY, THERE. REMEMBER ME?
MEGA MAN BARELY SURVIVED THE LAST TWO ROBOT MASTERS! CAN HE ESCAPE QUICK MAN? OR IS THIS GAME OVER?!
NEXT TIME: DR. WILY'S ATTACK HEATS UP!

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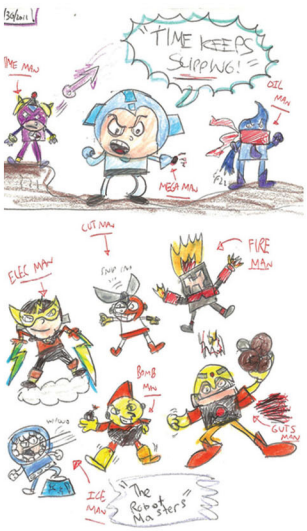

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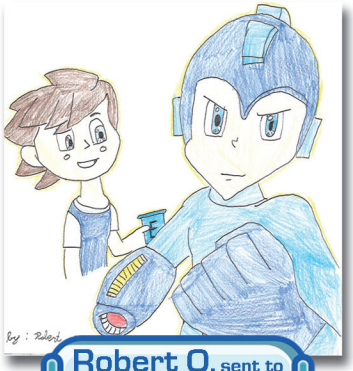

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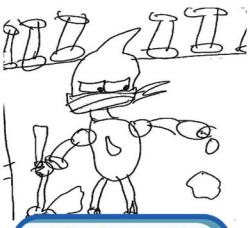

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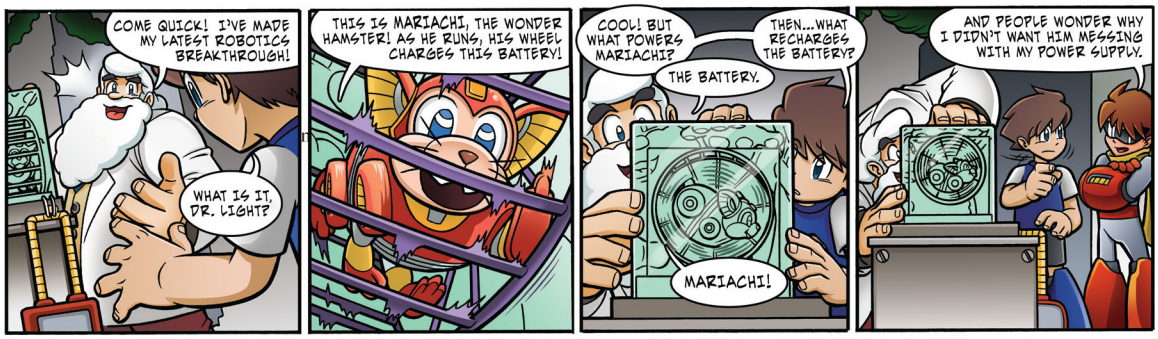
COME QUICK! I'VE MADE MY LATEST ROBOTICS BREAKTHROUGH!
WHAT IS IT, DR. LIGHT?
THIS IS MARIACHI, THE WONDER HAMSTER! AS HE RUNS, HIS WHEEL CHARGES THIS BATTERY!
COOL! BUT WHAT POWERS MARIACHI?
THE BATTERY.
THEN...WHAT RECHARGES THE BATTERY?
MARIACHI!
AND PEOPLE WONDER WHY I DIDN'T WANT HIM MESSING WITH MY POWER SUPPLY.

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The start of a new arc means the start of a new batch-o-mail! Bring on the postage!

Dear Mega-Mail,
I am enjoying the "Time Keeps Slipping..." story arc much more than the previous one.

Awesome! It's getting better all the time! :)

I love the interaction between the robots, especially Mega Man's friendliness towards them. Mega Man battling the CWU-01P alongside Ice Man and Cut Man is a good example of this. I loved Ice Man's quips and his clear frustration when he sees that they've gone in circles. I also find it interesting that Cut Man addresses Mega Man as "sir". I think that's actually a fascinating plot point. Maybe the other robot masters resent our hero because they see him as an authority figure?

Expect more development on that particular plot point as the series rolls on! I mean, if I were a robot master (and I'm not... at least, I think I'm not... maybe I'm just a robot programmed to believe I'm NOT a robot?!?!) I wouldn't like it very much to have to take orders from another robot that my creator refers to as "son"!

I also loved the love/hate relationship between Oil Man and Time Man. They're polar opposites, and they grate on each other. I like the concept that they have individual personalities and just because they're "programmed" to be "evil" doesn't mean they all always get along. Wily yelling at them was another great scene.

Can't wait for the finale!
Jonathan A. G.
sent to megaman@archiecomics.com

Thanks for the letter, Jonathan! I too enjoyed the interaction between Time Man and Oil Man, they're a regular odd couple! Hope you enjoyed the finale in issue #8, write back in and let us know what you thought!

Dear Mega-Mail,
Hey guys, I just wanted to let you know what a great job you are doing with the Mega Man comics! I'm 21 years old and I've been reading and collecting comics for a long time, but its been awhile since I've been this excited for a new issue every month. Mega Man is one of my all time favorite video game characters and now Mega Man is one of my all time favorite comic book series! It would be so amazing if you could show all of us Mega Man Legends fans some love with a Legends comic book series!

As always, Can't wait for the next issue!
Lawrence M.
sent to megaman@archiecomics.com

Thanks for the kind words, Lawrence! A Mega Man Legends comic series, eh? I've heard a lot of demand for an "X" series out there but this is our first for a "Legends" series! Anyone else out there want to see it? Write in and let us know!

Dear Mega-Mail,
I was so excited months in advance before the series started and now it is booming! I am a huge fan of Mega Man! The work that the design team has been putting into each issue is phenomenal. I have a few questions:
1) Can we expect a storyline showing the creation of "Rush" or will he just show up in the new story arc to save the day?

Did you catch the cameo appearance in MM#8? Anyway, Rush will be showing up soon - get ready!

2) I think Mega Man V (the letter not the numeral) would be a great story arc. Would you be willing to perhaps create an arc for this? It includes changing the Mega Buster into the Mega Arm, a new set of 9 Robot Masters, the "Stardroids", the first appearance of Tango the cat. Oh, and it's in space!

We hope to include as many different aspects of the Mega Man mythos into the comic series as possible, including the Game Boy series!

3) Put me as another tally for a Mega Man X series!

Thanks again for the wonderful thing you are doing with Mega Man!
Matt L.
sent to megaman@archiecomics.com

Will do! Thanks for writing in, Matt!

See y'all next month for part two of "THE RETURN OF DR. WILY"!

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THE RETURN OF DR. WILY: PART TWO

THE QUICK MAN COMETH!

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